

CUSTOM AGENTS FIGHT SMUGGLERS ON RIVER FRONT

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leaped for the boat. There was a struggle with the two men in it, and then the boat was overturned and the five occupants were plunged into the river. One of the smugglers, if he came to the surface, escaped by taking refuge under the pier. The other, kicking, biting and striking, was dragged to the pier, on which the customs men found one bag the men had failed to throw overboard and which contained fifty-seven bottles of whiskey.

As they were leaving the pier with their prisoner, the five customs men were attacked by fifty men, who showed them with bricks and bottles and then closed in for a hand to hand fight. Policemen in the neighborhood were attracted by the noise and reinforced the customs men. The police reserves of the West 47th Street Station were called. The gangsters were beaten off and fled, firing several shots.

The defeat of the gangsters was the first victory for the customs agents in their campaign against them by the gangsters, who are blamed for an organized system of running liquor and cocaine from ships that dock in their ballroom.

The gangsters have posted notices on the walls in the neighborhood, threatening to kill any customs man who interfered with them. Several attempts to assassinate customs agents have proved their threats were not an empty boast. Many guards have been attacked while patrolling their posts on the waterfront during the night.

Three weeks ago Robert O'Sullivan, a guard, was attacked by gangsters, who broke a bottle over his head. The day before he was to appear in court O'Sullivan was knocked from the 14th Street subway station in the path of a Lexington Avenue express by three men, who escaped.

The train was stopped in time to save O'Sullivan's life. Roundsman Jerry Rothchild is another victim of the gangsters.

CALLS HASKELL UNFIT.

Anderson Writes Another Letter To Judge Who Opposes Dry Law.

The exchange of accusations between William H. Anderson, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, and County Judge Reuben L. Haskell, of Brooklyn, was augmented to-day by a letter sent to the Judge by Mr. Anderson, in which the latter reiterates his charge that the Judge is unfit to serve on the bench because of his attitude toward the Volstead Act. Judge Haskell is accused of an untruthful attack upon United States District Attorney Ross, of Brooklyn, who has adopted the policy of prosecuting, under the Volstead Act persons guilty of violations of the Mulford-Gage Act.

"Your elevation to the bench," writes Mr. Anderson, "has evidently not eradicated the tendency of a certain well-known type of lawyer when he has no case to resort to abuse."

HER MOTHER LOVE INSPIRED WOMAN WHO SAVED BOY

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"Almost the first day I noticed the Marino house across the street. Always there was some one in the window watching all who entered or left the Varotia house. Naturally I asked why. My curiosity was excited. I found out that Marino knew the father, and that he saw the father, and at times asked about the boy. I had them invite him over to the house to meet their relative from Detroit."

"He came. I was ready for him. I laugh now, but it was work then. I had piled all the clothes in the tub and was washing them when he called. We talked about the boy. I knocked the police. I said they knew nothing and the family never should have told them. He agreed with me and we became friendly in our views. I finally asked him if he had any idea about how to go about getting the boy returned."

"He said he had known some Black Handers when he lived in Waterbury and he might ask them for information. I knew then I was right. Somebody from his room had not watched the house night and day for nothing. I told him the family had no money, but that I might be able to get \$500 or \$600 and would do so."

"We had other talks and once Detective Angelo Trezza and Joseph Sardi called. They too were friends of the family. They sat with me and together we knocked the police. Everybody knocked them. We were all certain they could never do anything."

In addition to doing the scrubbing and washing, cooking, taking care of the children and about everything there was to be done in the Varotia household, Mrs. Nicoletti did the shopping. She went around the corner and shopped. She made certain she was not followed when she either slipped a note with a bit of information in it to some detective or when she got on the phone and talked to Pinchetti.

At times Pinchetti became fearful for her safety. A false step and he knew that she might be killed in spite of the fact his men were trying to be near her when she was on the street. When he spoke to her of this phase of the case over the telephone and he had been careful, her inevitable reply was that she was watchful and would give an account of herself if attacked.

Notwithstanding the fact she was up late every night and up again very early at the Varotia house, Mrs. Nicoletti found time and a way to sneak out in the dead of the night

and get to her home, where she saw her own baby. She made herself a prime favorite with the neighbors as Mrs. Varotia's cousin from Detroit. Anything they heard they told her. She got all the gossip and sifted it all. About her, as nearly as could be, there was thrown the protecting arm of the Italian detectives working on the case. But the head of the squad knew from the time she entered the house that had she betrayed herself or been betrayed, her life probably would pay for the work she had undertaken.

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"PUNCHING CLOCK" COST ROADS \$6,445,658

That Was for Six Months Last Year, Senate Committee Is Told.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Provisions of the national agreements placed in effect during Government control which required "the railroads to allow employees one hour extra pay each week for punching the clock regardless of the number of hours actually worked," cost the railroads \$6,445,658 during the first six months of last year, 12 T. Whittier of Philadelphia, Chairman of the Conference Committee of Managers, told Senate investigating Committee to-day.

An order issued by the Director General in July, 1918, guaranteeing to men employed on piecework "the same minimum hourly rate as those of hourly workers, resulted in a decrease ranging from 10 to 40 per cent. in the output of piecework men," Mr. Whittier added.

RATHENAU HECKLED IN THE REICHSTAG

Declares Devastated Zone in France Is "Running Sore of Europe."

BERLIN, June 3.—Dr. Walter Rathenau, the new Minister of Restoration, was severely heckled yesterday in the Reichstag. Replying to his foes, he said:

"The world is not composed of chauvinists, nor is it made up of 1,500,000,000 men, but it holds a large body of fair-minded individuals, whose eyes were turned toward Germany, and who were inquiring 'What will Germany do? Will her life be devoted to the fulfillment of her debt?'"

"The work of rebuilding the devastated zone in France is not a national but a world problem. It is a running sore on the continent of Europe, and until it is healed world peace is unthinkable."

BROOKLYN STREET CAVES IN.

Jar of Five Engines May Have Caused Pavement Collapse.

A section of 69th Street, Brooklyn, about 200 feet west of 17th Avenue, caved in early this morning, leaving a hole 25 feet deep, 12 feet wide and about 45 feet long.

This is the third cave-in on 69th Street in three years. It is believed the roadbed was laid over quicksand. Fire engines passed twice along the street last night and engineers say the jar probably hastened the collapse of the pavement. Water pipes 20 feet below the surface remained intact, but several gas mains were broken.

POLICE SHAKE-UP IS MAYOR'S THREAT IN EXPOSE OF "VILLAGE"

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that the village is shockingly degraded.

This organization, incorporated in 1919, includes most of the restaurateurs of the village, and it is against the tea rooms, restaurants and similar public gathering places that the old residents have directed many of their shafts. Among those named are "The Coal Mine," "The Pirate's Den," "The Blue Horse," "The Blue Goose" and "The Devil's Garden."

In a statement issued to-day by Edward Barry, secretary of the association, he said its members were "deeply concerned with the outrageous allegations of police laxity in the district" and "incensed" at the attempts to characterize them as vicious, immoral parasites. The association, he said, has always given its co-operation to Police Inspector Bolan, "who has exerted every power to rid the village of undesirables."

The association held a meeting this morning to adopt measures to combat what was characterized as "the slanderous attacks made upon their establishment by the Washington Square Association and divers other self-styled reformers."

"We are just a body of God-fearing, law-abiding citizens endeavoring to eke out an honest living," Mr. Barry said, "and we mean to resort to every legal power to protect our rights as good citizens. At first we preferred to preserve our dignity by ignoring these false charges. This, however, has led our opponents to classify us as the worst body of human beings on earth. We intend to protect our good name and business places from the slanderous remarks of this Washington Square Association or any other body who will attempt to deprive us of an honest livelihood."

There will be another meeting of the Association to-night to adopt further methods of meeting the situation which confronts its members.

To Honor Unknown Soldier Dead.

The Allied Organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic—including Sons of Veterans, Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Women's Relief Corps, Daughters of Veterans, and Ladies of the G. A. R.—will hold their annual memorial exercises in honor of "The Unknown Soldier Dead" at 2:30 Sunday afternoon at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, Riverside Drive at 88th Street.

ACCUSED OF GEM THEFT IN ITALY

Jewels Worth \$50,000 Found on Man Said to Be Wanted in Palermo.

Augusto Catalitti, forty-nine years old, of Palermo, Italy, was arrested early to-day at Centra and Canal Streets, a block from Police Headquarters, on a Department of State extradition warrant, charging him with being a fugitive from justice in Italy.

Detectives Michael Flaschetti and Trezza of the Italian squad, who made the arrest, say they found \$50,000 worth of jewelry on the man. Its description is said to tally with jewelry stolen May 11 last in Palermo. The complainant's name is not disclosed. The jewelry consists of ten diamonds of five carat size, valued at \$1,000 each; fifteen gold watches and seventeen cigarette cases.

The arrest, according to the police, was made at the instance of the Royal Italian Consul General, No. 20 East 224 Street.

MOTHER OF FIVE ENDS LIFE.

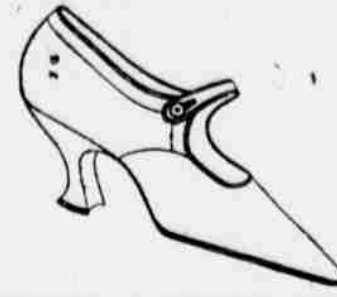
Left Note Asking Children to "Be Good to Your Father."

Mrs. Caroline Hanson, fifty-six, No. 2220 Hermon Avenue, the Bronx, was found dead in her bedroom this morning. She had turned on the gas. A note addressed to her five children read:

"Dear Children—Take care of your father and be good to him. He has been a good daddy to you. Goodbye."

Dr. Caruel of Fordham Hospital, worked with a pulmotor for three-quarters of an hour in vain.

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